



VA LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES RESIDENCY (VALOR)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) Program is designed to attract academically successful students of Doctor of Pharmacy programs to work at VA as registered pharmacists. This program gives outstanding students the opportunity to develop competencies in clinical pharmacy at an approved VA healthcare facility. Opportunities for learning include didactic or classroom experiences, competency-based clinical practice with a qualified pharmacy preceptor, and participation in pharmacy-focused clinical conferences.

Students may be appointed on a full- or part-time basis during the summer months and may continue during their final academic year on a part-time basis. The aggregate hours that a student may be funded while in the program is 800 hours.

ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

Students recruited for the program must have completed the second professional year in an Accreditation Council of Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) accredited Doctor of Pharmacy program.

Students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale based on academic work accepted for credit towards a pharmacy degree. Students must also be able to complete a minimum of 400 hours as a pharmacy VALOR student in a VA facility, be a United States citizen, and meet physical examination standards at the time of entry in the Pharmacy VALOR program.

SELECTION PROCESS

VA Healthcare Talent Management (HTM) Office approves the number of funded positions; however, selection of participants is done at the local level by the medical center VALOR coordinator. Interested candidates will need to submit the following documents to each VA Medical Center where they wish to be considered for the VALOR program:

1. Application for Federal Employment (VA Form OF-306)
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Official college transcripts

4. A letter from the Dean/Director of the School or College of Pharmacy. *The letter should include the following: a nomination of the student to the program; verification of enrollment as a full-time student (as defined by the school); successful completion of the second year of pharmacy education (minimally fourth year of college education) by the time the student enters into the program; and anticipated graduation within two years after entry into the Pharmacy VALOR Program.*

2015 PHARMACY VALOR PROGRAM SITES

Albany, NY	Columbia, SC	Indianapolis, IN	Milwaukee, WI	San Francisco, CA
Albuquerque, NM	Dallas, TX	Jackson, MS	Minneapolis, MN	Sheridan, WY
Ann Arbor, MI	Danville, IL	Kansas City, MO	Montrose, NY	Sioux Falls, SD
Atlanta, GA	Dayton, OH	Leeds, MA	North Chicago, IL	Syracuse, NY
Baltimore, MD	Denver, CO	Lexington, KY	Oklahoma City, OK	Temple, TX
Battle Creek, MI	Durham, NC	Lincoln, NE	Omaha, NE	Topeka, KS
Beckley, WV	El Paso, TX	Loma Linda, CA	Palo Alto, CA	Tucson, AZ
Black Hills, SD	Fayetteville, AR	Long Beach, CA	Portland, OR	Tucson, AZ (CMOP)
Buffalo, NY	Fort Harrison, MT	Los Angeles, CA	Reno, NV	West Palm Beach, FL
Canandaigua, NY	Fresno, CA	Madison, WI	Richmond, VA	White River Junction, VT
Charleston, SC	Grand Junction, CO	Marian, IN	Saginaw, MI	Wilmington, DE
Cheyenne, WY	Hines, IL	Martinez, CA	Salem, VA	
Chicago, IL	Houston, TX	Martinsburg, WV	San Antonio, TX	
Clarksburg, WV	Huntington, WV	Miami, FL	San Diego, CA	

For more information, contact the VALOR Coordinator at the site of interest.
Contact information for each VA facility can be found at www.vacareers.va.gov
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